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TOPIC General Military Information 50X1-HUM

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

1. Eleven trucks

[REDACTED] each carrying 20 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and armed with carbines were seen driving from Klein Kuchnau in the direction of Rosslau (N 52/E 17) at 6:15 p.m. on 4 March 1952. Six of the trucks were towing mortars. (1)

2. A westbound train consisting of about 30 boxcars, an undetermined number of flatcars with four 85-mm AA guns and several tank cars were seen between Cottbus (N 52/A 57) and Finsterwalde at 9:10 a.m. on 4 March. A train consisting of 30 boxcars with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the Cottbus railroad station.

3. An employee of the Soviet Zone Postal Headquarters learned in early March that the Hq Third Mezz Army with 350 to 400 personnel was stationed in Wuensdorf (N 53/Z 91). (2)

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4. Twelve SP guns

[REDACTED] and tanks [REDACTED] were seen engaged in driving practice in Leisnig (N 52/K 69) on 4 March. The vehicles belonged to the unit stationed in Busche Kaserne. (3)

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5. About 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, 4 medium tanks, 2 tank trucks and 8 trucks

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[REDACTED] were seen in Camp Nochten at the Weisswasser (O 52/A 74) training area on 9 March. The cooperative bakery received orders for bread for 15 March. (4)

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6. Two 160-mm mortars, 2 x 57-mm AT guns and 8 trucks [REDACTED] were entrained at the eastern railroad station in Laumburg (N 52/J 89) at 5 p.m. on 12 March. (5) An engineer column of about 20 vehicles, including amphibious cars, pontoons, and crane trucks, was seen driving in the direction of Bad Koesen. [REDACTED]

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7. Field kitchens, artillery pieces and about 100 motor vehicles were entrained at the Wuensdorf (W 53/Z 91) railroad station during the period from 9 to 12 March. AA guns with motor vehicles were seen standing on Highway No 96 on 13 March. The loading operations continued. (7)

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- (1) The vehicles belong to the 287th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The weapons observed with the vehicles were undoubtedly 37-mm AA guns.
- (2) The information definitely confirms that the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army is stationed in Wuensdorf since it left Luckenwalde in mid-December 1951. the SP guns and tanks observed belong to the 64th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 9th Gds Mecz Div. only individual firing of small tank units of the 9th Mecz Div were at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. The orders for bread on 15 March tend to indicate that the troop training grounds will be occupied by major units after that date.
- (5) The entrained components belong to the 170th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from the barracks installation south of Flemminger Weg in Naumburg. They probably left for Ohrdruf where components of that division have been engaged in short-term firing practices since January 1952.
- (6) The column belonged to the unidentified engineer battalion of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Naumburg. This unit appears to be the first to occupy the engineer training site at Bad Koesen in this war.

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